

Iowa Department of Human Services
Update on the Implementation of H.F. 2539

Bill / Section	Topic	Implementation Date	Status
Sec. 2 & 11	Infants to 300% FPL – Medicaid	7/1/09	Will begin rule-making process and submit a state plan amendment to CMS in January, 2009
Sec. 3	Continuous Eligibility	7/1/08	Implemented July 1, 2008
Sec. 4	Indication of Dependent Child Coverage on Income Tax Form	2008 Tax Year	DHS is working with Department of Revenue to add question to the 2008 state income tax form. A Memorandum of Agreement has been drafted and is being reviewed by AG. Because of changes that also need to be made to software programs (e.g. Turbo Tax, etc.), extensive changes will not be possible this first year. Will continue to work with Department of Revenue to refine process for next year.
Sec. 5, 6, 7 & 14	Expand <i>hawk-i</i> to 300% FPL	7/1/09	Will begin rule-making process and submit a state plan amendment to CMS in January, 2009
Sec. 8	Requires other state agencies to cooperate with the Department in outreach efforts.	7/1/08	Current focus is on working with Department of Education to increase the number of schools sharing names from the Free & Reduced Meals programs and with the Department of Revenue to add the question about dependent insurance status to the 2008 state income tax form. The DHS outreach coordinator will be working with other agencies on initiatives as the year progresses.
Sec. 9	Develop options and recommendations to allow children eligible for <i>hawk-i</i> to participate in employer plans through a premium assistance program.	Report due to the Governor & General Assembly January 1, 2009	This initiative is included as part of the enrollment maximization process. DHS, in partnership with the Child & Family Policy Center, is planning and convening a summit on September 11 th & 12 th to gather input on various strategies from which recommendations can be developed for the report to the Governor and General Assembly. Participants will include national and state policy experts, advocates, legislators and others. See attached timeline & invitation.

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Sec. 15	<p>Enrollment Maximization & Retention</p> <p>(Must collaborate with Departments of Education, Insurance, Public Health, hawk-i Board, public members who are not recipients or advocates, CK&F, & CK&F NOW Task Force)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlined enrollment in hawk-i & Medicaid • Conditional eligibility for hawk-i & Medicaid • Expedited renewals for hawk-i & Medicaid 	Report due to the Governor & General Assembly December 1, 2008	See section 9
Sec. 72	Voluntary Employer-Sponsored Health Care Coverage Demonstration Project – Direct Care Workers	Report due to the Governor & General Assembly December 15, 2008	See section 9
	Implement Family Opportunity Act	January 1, 2009	On target for January 1 implementation. Administrative rules have been developed and are under review. Necessary systems changes have been requested.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Good afternoon,

The Child and Family Policy Center (CFPC) through our Finish Line grant, will host a children's health care coverage summit, in partnership with the DHS, on **September 12th in Des Moines**. The summit will enable us to explore how we can best move forward to cover all kids in Iowa. **You are invited to join a select group of stakeholders including legislators, policy makers, advocates, outreach partners, and providers for a day of information sharing, discussion, and strategizing.** Our goal is to explore a variety of policy, outreach, simplification, and coordination ideas and opportunities that hold promise for reaching uninsured children in Iowa who are eligible for Medicaid or *hawk-i*.

HF 2539, the health reform bill, includes language about DHS submitting a plan to Governor Culver and the General Assembly that will maximize enrollment and retention in *hawk-i* and Medicaid by December 1, 2008. (bill language attached) We are convening this summit so that the critical stakeholders can meet with state and national policy experts to discuss how the Iowa programs are currently structured, best practices, and lessons learned from other states. As the policy research continues our agenda will be clarified and created as we get closer to the summit.

Please save September 12th on your calendar

Timeline for Development of Enrollment Maximization & Retention Report Required by HF 2539

